GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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FODDER BANKS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is provided Central funds to the States for the establishment of fodder banks in the States to meet the exigencies in natural calamities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;and

(c) the funds released to West Bengal and Maharashtra so far for the purpose and the result achieved therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a): No,Sir.The component relating to establishment of fodder banks was dropped from the Centrally Sponsored Fodder Development scheme w.e.f 1.4.2005.

(b): Question does not arise.

(c): Before the closure of subject component, the State of Maharashtra was released an amount of Rs. 41.25 lakhs in 2001-02 and a similar sum in 2004-05. While funds released in 2001-02 were utilized, the funds released in 2004-05 were refunded by the State Govt. Funds of Rs 41.25 lakhs provided to State of West Bengal in 1994-95,for establishment of one fodder bank,were utilized.